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wherein R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, and R<sup>3</sup> independently are selected from the group consisting of H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, substituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> cycloalkyl, substituted C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>12</sub> aryl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>12</sub> substituted aryl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, alkaryl, and a protecting group, provided that at least one of R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, or R<sup>3</sup> is H.

R<sup>5</sup>, R<sup>7</sup>, R<sup>8</sup>, R<sup>9</sup> and R<sup>10</sup> independently are selected from the group consisting of H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, substituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>12</sub> aryl, and substituted C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>12</sub> aryl, and R<sup>8</sup> and R<sup>9</sup> together or R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>9</sup> together may form a cycloalkyl or substituted cycloalkyl ring,

R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> together form a direct bond or are independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, substituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>12</sub> aryl, and substituted C<sub>6</sub>an amino acid side chain of said peptide.

## I. *INTRODUCTION*

Claim 24 has been amended. Entry of the foregoing amendments to claim 24 is respectfully requested. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 24 - 43 will be pending in this application.

## II. THE OFFICE ACTION

## A. Rejections based on 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph-Written Description

Claims 24 - 40 and 42 - 43 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly lacking written description. Applicants respectfully traverse this ground for rejection.